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Digging into the Castillo de San Marco's Past Inference Worksheet

Archeological excavation under the direction of Project Archeologist John E. Comelison Jr. was conducted at the Castillo de San Marco in order to gather information on both the nature of the wall cracks and the history of the fort. Five excavation units and eighteen core tests were completed at the Castillo in 1997, 1998 and 2000. Physical evidence of construction zones and living floors was recovered, displaying the history of the fort from its original construction to its modern use. A significant amount of material culture was also recovered; some of which can shed light on the day to day life of the soldiers garrisoned at the fort and some of which gives information on how and when the specific levels of the fort were built.



From the picture above what can you infer about the shape of the fort, location of the fort and its surroundings?

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Native American Ceramics				
Type Name	Count	Weight	Manufacture Date	Period
Deptford Check Stamped	5	21.32	BC 0300 to AD 0600	Middle Woodland
Fort Walton Incised	2	9.11	AD 1200 to AD 1565	Middle to Late Mississippian
Saint Johns Check Stamped	179	1188.47	AD 0750 to AD 1565	St. Johns II
Saint Johns Incised	10	49.36	AD 0750 to AD 1565	St. Johns II
Saint Johns Plain	63	417.85	AD 0500 to AD 1565	St Johns I through St Johns II
Saint Johns Punctated	21	98.55	AD 0750 to AD 1565	St. Johns II
Saint Johns Simple Stamped	2	7.52	AD 0750 to AD 1565	St. Johns II
Saint Johns Ware	510	1569.18	AD 0500 to AD 1565	St Johns I through St Johns II
San Marcos Checked Stamped	15	84.91	AD 1565 to AD 1750	16th through 18th Century
San Marcos Complicated Stamped	658	5899.26	AD 1565 to AD 1750	16th through 18th Century
San Marcos Plain	146	1080.9	AD 1565 to AD 1750	16th through 18th Century
San Marcos Red	53	338.02	AD 1565 to AD 1650	16th through 17th Century
San Marcos Simple Stamped	269	1032.2	AD 1565 to AD 1750	16th through 18th Century
San Marcos Ware	1282	2292.3	AD 1565 to AD 1750	16th through 18th Century
San Pedro Check Stamped	1	3.6	AD 1565 to AD 1700	16th through 18th Century
San Pedro Plain	15	40.78	AD 1565 to AD 1700	16th through 18th Century
San Pedro Ware	61	237.89	AD 1565 to AD 1700	16th through 18th Century

After analyzing the table above, what can you infer about the different Native American Ceramics that were found?

How many total pieces of ceramics were found from the St Johns II period?

Which type of ceramics did they find the most of? What can you infer based on these finding?

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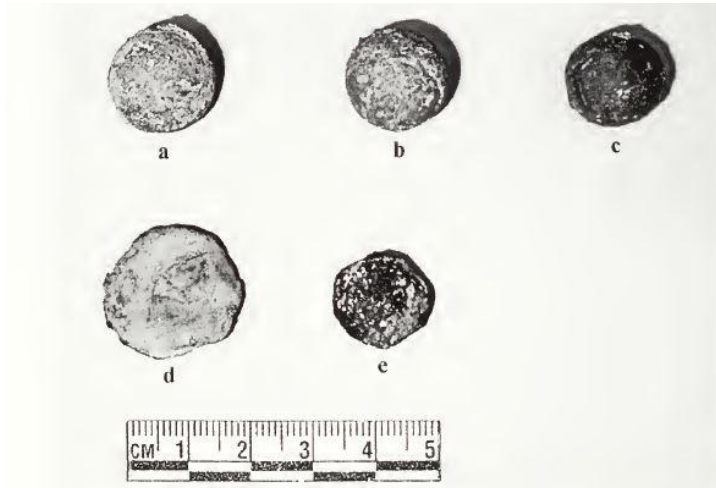
Military Artifacts		
Object	Count	Weight
Brass musket barrel sight	1	4.9
Bullet puller	1	6.6
Cock, flintlock pistol	1	19.1
Copper barrel band	1	8.87
Detonating fuse	1	8.2
Flintlock jaw pad	1	2.07
Flintlock jaw screw	1	6.1
Gunflint (Dover chert)	1	7.69
Gunflint, spall	4	23.14
Gunflint	12	34.44
Iron arrow point	2	11
Knife blade	1	15.5
Matchlock firing pan	1	12.6
Musket ball, fired	2	33.28
Musket ball, unfired, .60 caliber	1	17.8
Musket ball, unfired, .64 caliber	2	48.75
Musket barrel fragment	1	58.6
Musket bridle	1	13.8

Using the table above, what can you infer about Military Artifacts that were found?



The picture to the left is a Spanish half real (ray-AI) or royal coin. What can you infer from this picture of the coin?

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Pictured to the left are musket balls recovered during the excavations at the fort. Musket balls A and B are from a .64 caliber musket, musket ball C is from a .60 caliber musket, D and E are from a fired indeterminate caliber. What can you infer from the picture?

Pictured to the right are three arrow points. The first is from the Archaic Period Levy point and the second two are historic iron points. What can you infer about these arrow points?